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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJ: FSL AHMED ABDEL WAHAB MOHAMMED SAID; FSL COMMERCIAL TRNG

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY KHARTOUM WHICH ISSUES VISAS HERE FOR IVORY COAST CONFIRMS THAT VISAS FOR SUDANESE WISHING TRAVEL ABIDJAN NOW MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. THEY ESTIMATE TIME INVOLVED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION THROUGH PARIS TO GOIC AND OBTAIN REPLY AS ONLY 15 DAYS, HOWEVER, AND APPEAR BELIEVE THAT IF WE PROVIDE LETTER STATING OFFICIAL PURPOSE OF TRAVEL THIS WILL FACILITATE MATTERS.

2. AS FOR LATER FSL COURSE IN BLANTYRE, WHILE AHMED ABDEL WAHAB WOULD PREFER ABIDJAN, THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE BOTH TO HIM AND EMBASSY. BRITISH EMBASSY, WHICH ISSUES MALAWI VISAS HERE, INFORMS US THAT SUCH VISA CAN BE ISSUED ON ONLY 24 HOURS NOTICE. THUS, AT LEAST FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE DECISION SWITCH TO BLANTYRE ALTERNATIVE.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO LET APPLICATION FOR IVORY COAST VISA RUN ITS COURSE. IF TURNED DOWN OR DELAYED MUCH BEYOND 15 DAYS INDICATED BY FRENCH EMBASSY, ALTERNATIVE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.
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